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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 September 2007.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-51 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 6-51 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/07.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed 9/19/07 presents new references that are pertinent to the examination of this application. These references are now applied against the claims that are currently under consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chemical Abstracts Service, AN 1972:4021, XP-002444512, **MATSUBARA, et al.** (1971).

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chemical Abstracts Service, AN 1980:75973, XP-002444513, **J P 54 103845** (1979).

Claims 1 and 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chemical Abstract Services, AN 1960:56119, XP-002444517, **VIL'CHINSKAYA, et al.** (1959).

Claims 1, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chemical Abstract Services, AN 1996:247660, XP-002444521, **LAMOTKIN, et al.** (1995).

Claims 1, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chemical Abstract Services, AN 1987:102591, XP-002444522, **ES 541 929 A1** (1986).

Each of the references teaches compounds that correlate directly with those compounds of applicant's claims. Reference XP-002444512, **MATSUBARA, et al.** further discloses the production of these compounds by reaction of a diene compound with unsaturated carboxylic acid.

In this instance, the preamble of applicant's claims 4 and 5 is considered to be a statement of intended use, but has no bearing on the fact that the claimed compounds are known in the art as depicted by the prior art relied upon.

The remaining references cited in the IDS of 9/2007 are considered to be cumulative.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kriellion A. Sanders whose telephone number is 571-272-1122. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8:30am-7:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 6-51 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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